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Remarks

This application was filed with nine claims. In the Examiner's Action dated September 9, 1999, claims 1, 2 and 6 were rejected in view of prior art and claims 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9 were allowed subject to being rewritten in independent form.

Claims 1, 2 and 6 are canceled by the above amendment. In addition, claims 3, 4, 7 and 8 are rewritten in independent form by the above amendment. Claims 5 and 9, which are dependent on claims 4 and 8, respectively, are retained without amendment. In view of these amendments, claims 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9 should be allowed.

New claims 10 through 13 are added. These recite, *inter alia*, a can opener having a housing and a scissors holder on the housing capable of releasably retaining a scissors on the housing. This structure is not suggested by the art of record.

Favorable action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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